

**Outdoor sports** in Australia are considered a paradise for a lot of local residents and visitors. People link surfing when they think about Australia, but most don't even know that Australia hosts great Ski conditions in the Snowy Mountains during the winter months. Australia's Great Barrier Reef has some of the best scuba diving in the world. Other amazing outdoors activities and qualities include the following:

- Scenic hiking
- Biking
- Fishing
- Tropical rain forests
- Desert outback
- Rugged mountains
- Warm water
- Sandy beaches

### **Adventure sports:**

- Sea kayaking in Queensland or Western Australia
- White water rafting in the Tully River
- Four-wheel driving along the coastal beaches or desert outback
- Skiing in the Victorian Alps

### **Beaches:**

Australia is known for its amazing beautiful beaches. Top beaches in Australia include the following:

- Mission Beach
- Surfers Paradise
- Four Mile Beach
- Cottesloe Beach
- Broome's Cable Beach

### **Hiking:**

Hiking known as bushwalking to Australian locals is a great way to explore Australia's natural beauty. If you are in Sydney check out the Blue Mountains. About 90 minutes from the Gold Coast is Lamington National Park. For advanced hikers there is a popular 155 mile Larapinta trail that goes though the desert of the outback. Whitsunday is known for its tropical rain forest hiking trails, while Kakadu has the most variety of natural environments to hike though.

### **Snorkeling and scuba diving:**

The Great Barrier Reef is some of the world's best snorkeling and scuba diving. Also the 74 Whitsunday Island located near the Outer Reef host diverse and colorful coral gardens. Both destinations have some of the most exotic species of marine life.

Other cool destinations worth the trip is the Coral Sea's Predator's Playground where you can see sharks feeding. Close by is Yongala shipwreck. A well known premier diving destination is Heron Island. Australia has many amazing spots with clear water and a range of unique marine life.

### **Surfing:**

Australia has some of the best surfing conditions in the world and is a perfect place to learn if you have never tried. Just about any beach is a good place to charge small to medium sized waves.